



# Planning

## Committee Report 2021/22

<b>Committee Summary</b>
View all planning applications separately and assessing with planning regulations NP will give NA more autonomy Lengthsman programme ending Traffic calming
<b>Key Achievements</b>
Three speed cameras effectively working Broad Street pedestrianisation survey and awaiting options from HCC Having application for NP approved by WCC
<b>Ongoing Actions</b>
Neighbourhood Plan Speed cameras Lengthsman programme
<b>The Future</b>
Broad Street pedestrianisation West Street Ensuring NP encompasses a vision for Alresford



# Community and Tourism

## Committee Report 2021/22

### Committee Summary

**An interesting and varied year for Community and Tourism.**

**Chairman Jay Jones resigned from the council during the year. Our thanks to him for his contributions.**

### Key Achievements

We, once again, entered the town into the Parish in Bloom competition and achieved a Silver Gilt award.

We have produced an Alresford walking guide – 8 short walks around the town that start and end at Arlebury Park. The guide is currently being printed and will be available in the town very soon. Thanks go to councillors Divall, Bean and Weston for their work on the guide.

The restoration of the Hambone Memorial was carried out earlier in the year and is now looking splendid once again.

We organised the knitting of hundreds of poppies which culminated in a wonderful poppy archway at St. John's church, to commemorate Remembrance Day. Our thanks go to councillor Bean for coordinating this project.

Once again the hanging baskets and troughs looked wonderful in the town, maintaining a long standing tradition in Alresford. Thanks go to all residents and businesses who continue to support this scheme.

The Alton town crier visited Alresford on several occasions throughout the year. He is a wonderful sight and advertises the town's forthcoming events with gusto! Thanks go to councillor Holmes for suggesting and coordinating.

Several street surgeries were held during the year – a time to meet informally with residents and tourists to listen to ideas and concerns.

### Ongoing Actions

Together with Rotary, Churches Together, The Chamber of Commerce, The Pigs and New Leaf, we are organising a Picnic in the Park to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Future street surgeries

Continued improvements to the West street telephone kiosk information centre.

### The Future

We will be looking at improving communications with residents – street surgeries/social media/leaflets

Refurbishment of millennium trail boards



# Operations and Resources

## Committee Report 2021/22

### Committee Summary

The Committee is responsible for providing oversight and where appropriate ensure recommendations are made to Town Council with regard to its financial management, staff, policies and the management of all aspects of upkeep, maintenance and administration of its buildings.

### Key Achievements

This committee was renamed in May 2021 and was formerly the Finance & Facilities Committee. Since then, these are the key achievements:

**Finance** – the completion of the annual AGAR report with no issues raised by the Internal and external Auditors.

-Completed a review of NATC's VAT partial exemption calculations

**Buildings** – completed various reports, and managed the ongoing upkeep and future of the Council's buildings, prioritising key tasks first.

**Staffing** – managed to work in a fluid way to ensure the NATC team have been safe and able to work during the changes in COVID 19 working regulations.

**Agendas** – we have kept our agenda items accurate and specific to ensure we work in the most effective way we can.

### Ongoing Actions

**Finance** – continued oversight and management of the NATC Financial reports and annual budget.

**ARC Roof** – continue to focus on getting this work done to the best possible standard based on the criteria set out for the works.

**Staffing** – continue to help our team develop in their jobs and to enjoy what the world they do at NATC.

### The Future

**Staffing** – The last 2 years have provided a working environment that we have not seen before due to COVID19. Personally, I feel the first most important item to focus on is to work closely and to support our team as this is more important now than ever.

**NATC Strategy** – The process to create an NATC Strategy has begun. Personally, I see this as the second most important item to focus on in the year ahead.



# Recreation and Environment Committee Report 2021/22

## Committee Summary

**This year we concentrated on Improvements to the play areas and dealing with vandalism**

## Key Achievements

NATC refurbished both the play areas at Sun Hill and Arlebury Park, and had to deal with vandalism to play equipment at both.

We are grateful for the Alresford Men's Shed for their work on repairing the play boat.

We secured funding from Winchester City Council and selected an outdoor gym for Arlebury Park.

We finalised the specification and signed a contract for a new Play Area in Stratton Bates to replace the current one. The majority of the funding came from the Town via the Council with additional funding from Alresford PIGS, Alresford Rotary and Alresford Youth Association.

We planted 10 trees at Arlebury Park as part of the Queen's Green Canopy,

We held the Annual Community Litterpick held in May (part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign), supported by many local residents.

We planted 1000 daffodils, 500 crocuses and 600 snowdrops at Arlebury Park with children from Sun Hill Junior School and local residents

## Ongoing Actions

The replacement of the Play train in Sun Hill rec will happen shortly

The installation of the new play area in Stratton Bates will be completed before the school summer holidays

The installation of the outdoor gym will be completed before June.

The repairs to the slope by the play area in Sun Hill are ongoing.

## The Future

We have secured additional budget in 22/23 to maintain our grounds and we will put in place a planned maintenance program.

We are putting in funding bids to Winchester City Council for an extension to the allotments and for a refurbishment of Memorial Gardens.



# Full Council

## Committee Report 2021/22

### Committee Summary

Council staff have had another trying year dealing with Covid 19 requirements in addition to their normal roles. Most staff have been working from home but are now back in the office and life is beginning to return to normal.

One member of staff has left the council and another member is working reduced hours due to the effects of Covid - this has placed additional pressures on the remaining staff.

Councillor Jones resigned from the council and has been replaced by Steve Deeming.

### Key Achievements

After many difficult years, the financial processes and controls are in place with glowing reports from both internal and external auditors.

The Town Clerk is now fully qualified – well done Marcia

A new playground at Stratton Bates has finally been agreed and will be installed during June, after the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

All of the playgrounds have been overhauled, equipment repaired, painted and a maintenance schedule put in place.

We have spent time addressing legal issues and arrangements with other partners to ensure that they are improved and remain compliant

### Ongoing Actions

We have commenced creating a Council strategy, there will be a resident's survey.

We will continue to support community groups by way of grants and would like more groups to apply

We will continue to improve community engagement through councillor surgeries, surveys and informal meetings

### The Future

We are in the process of beginning to formulate, with residents' support, a Neighbourhood Plan which will come together in this coming year

A new playground for Stratton Bates

An outdoor gym in Arlebury Park



We will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Picnic in the Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> when residents can come together with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and entertainment

This council will continue to work hard to ensure that by the end of this term of office, the council is in the best possible place, with its processes and practices, for the next council to move forward with confidence.